to twice the number of vacancies plus four. However, in case of SCs/STs, where adequate number of candidates of these categories are not available in the normal zone, the zone of consideration may be extended to five times the number of vacancies. Only those officials who fulfil the eligibility canditions as per relevant Recruitment Rules are included in the zone of consideration/ extended zone of consideration. However, if adequate number of eligible candidates possessing the qualifying service etc. for promotion to the higher grade in any service/ grade are not available, the administrative Ministries/ Departments are free to seek relaxation in the prescribed conditions, if permissible in terms of the Recruitment Rules.

Compliance of Minimum prescribed Reservation for SC and ST

2376. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of various States and Union Territories with regard to the compliance of minimum prescribed reservation for SC and ST, so far as Groups A, B, C and D services are concerned; and

(b) what are the impediments of non-compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) Instruc- tions regarding reservation for SCs and STs in respect of Group A, B, C and D posts in the Central Services in States/Union Territories are implemented by the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned.

India Ranked Corrupt by Transparency International

2377. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Here's where all those brides go" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd January, 2000;

(b) whether the Transparency International ranks India 72nd in a list of 99 worst corrupt countries and says low public sector salaries are the prime corruption followed by immunity from prosecution in a country like India;